

Town Crier

of
Wilmington



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PRICE 10 CENTS

FOUR CHILDREN RETURNED TO PARENTS

Four children have been returned to two sets of parents, as of Monday afternoon, after the Wilmington Police and the Wilmington Board of Health had first ignored the requests of the parents for information for several hours. The town officials were, in a manner of speaking, allowing the parents of the children to 'stew in their own juice'.

Wilmington Board of Health officials and the Wilmington Police were called to a Grove Avenue home on Wednesday of last week by neighbors who felt that there was something wrong. They found four children, two each from two different families, in a frightful state of neglect.

An eight month old boy was lying in a crib, thoroughly soaked, and on the verge of pneumonia. He was rushed to the Massachusetts General Hospital where, Board of Health officials state, the attending physicians declared that another hour or two of neglect would have cost the boy his life.

A 3½ year old boy was suffering from malnutrition, a 6½ year old girl, clothed in a woman's skirt which was wrapped around her, was dirty and unwashed, and an 11 year old boy was in a state of semi-shock. His clothing was in very poor condition and the sneakers that he wore were literally falling apart. The three older children were taken in charge by Miss Ethel Butters, Board of Health Nurse. She bought new clothing for them, and then had the old clothing burned. She arranged to board them at the home of Mrs. G M Smith, living at 'Snug Harbor' on Burlington Avenue. For their first meal the children ate one dozen eggs.

The people who owned the home in which the children were found told the Wilmington police that the two couples had brought the children there on Nov. 9th. They had asked for the children to be cared for while the parents went shopping. They never returned.

Police identified the two couples as coming from North Reading and Reading. Board of Health officials state that.

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MUSICAL PROGRAM AT CONGO. CHURCH FAIR TONIGHT

Miss Yolande Moe, 122 Church Street, will take part in a musical program tonight at 8, in the Congregational Church. She will be part of a trio, consisting of her father, Herman Moe, who was formerly violinist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Mrs. Ruth Crawford of Reading, well known pianist.

The program will follow the annual Church Supper, which will be held at 6:15 pm. The musical will be held upstairs, in the Sanctuary of the Church.

Program

Forgotten-----Cowles
Mazurka-----Mlynarski
Fourth Air-----Donizetti

Herman Moe, Violinist
Ruth Crawford, Accompanist

Poem-----Fibich
Venetian Love Song----Nevin
A Christmas Fantasia-Mueller

Ruth Crawford, Pianist

Wenn Dir Rosen Bluen-----
Reichardt
Ich Liebe Dich-----Grieg
Lullaby-----Brahms

Yolande Moe, Vocalist
Ruth Crawford, Accompanist

Once upon a Time--Winternitz
Concerto C Major (First
Movements)-----Kreisler
Forsaken-----Winternitz

Herman Moe, Violinist
Ruth Crawford, Accompanist

Commentary by Herman Moe

Co-chairmen of the fair are
Mrs. Otto Swenson, and
Mrs. Doris Frost

JOHN IMBIMBO APPOINTED SERGEANT OF POLICE

John Imbimbo, an officer of the Wilmington Police Department since 1942, was appointed Sergeant of Police, by Town Manager Joseph Courtney, as of Nov. 15, 1955. Imbimbo was appointed sergeant as a result of taking top score, in the Civil Service Police Examination last August.

Sergeant Imbimbo will be in charge of juvenile work for the Wilmington police



TAPS FOR THE DEAD

Selectmen and Veterans salute, and flags dip as Scout Thomas MacKay blows Taps, in Exercises on Veterans Day, at the Soldiers Monument in the Wilmington Cemetery.

At the far left are Cmdr. Thomas Breen, American Legion and Cmdr. William Smith, Disabled American Veterans. In the right foreground are Selectmen Mrs. Wavie Drew, E Haywood Bliss and Nicholas De Felice. Color Guard beyond them is Henry Fillipone, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Department, with a secondary emphasis on traffic control. A veteran with 13 years on the department, his first service in 1942 was shortly interrupted, when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served in the Pacific until 1946, after which he returned to duty. He is married to the former Margaret Duggan, and the couple have two children.

TURKEY WHIST TONIGHT

The Nee-Ellsworth Post, 2458, Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct their annual Public Turkey Whist, tonight, at Post headquarters, on Main Street. There are many prizes to be awarded.

POLIO CASES MOUNT TO 11

Polio cases, in Wilmington, for 1955 have now mounted to 11 in number-10 according to the Board of Health. The ninth and tenth cases for the Board of Health, were last week, one being a boy on West Street and the other being an 11 year old boy on Kendall Street.

Meanwhile little Sherry Lee Smith, 7 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Harvard Ave. is in the Children's Hospital, in Boston, recovering from an attack of polio. Sherry felt ill, last Friday, and was sent to the hospital last Saturday. It is reported that physicians at the hospital say that she has had polio for the past two months and is now doing very nicely.

FREAK ACCIDENT ON GLEN ROAD

Four young men escaped injury and a car which drove over a stone wall and dislodged a 300 pound boulder was able to leave under its own power, after a freak accident on Glen Road at 11:05 p.m. Nov. 12th.

Rihhard W. Harnish, Kendal St. was the driver of the car, which is the property of his mother. Others in the car were David Fröten, Middlesex Avenue, Fred Robins, Burlington Avenue and Irving Storm of Hobson Avenue.

The car was being driven towards Silver Lake, on Glen Road. The driver lost control of the car just after he had crossed the

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IN WHICH WE CATCH UP A LITTLE

For some weeks we have sat and twiddled our thumbs. Much to our surprise the town didn't burn down, or blow away, or anything else. It just kept going along, without too much change. However, let's catch up on some of the events.

Gravel

We left our readers in the middle of a wrangle about the gravel pit, on Abigail's Island, with the Selectmen using such choice epithets as 'Monkeys' and 'Baboon', in addressing each other. One feature of the hysterical outburst that accompanied that session was an accusation against Charles Black, because he was trying to find out how much money the town spent, for equipment hire, with the Cronin Brothers.

After that session the Selectmen have been just as nice as they could be, to each other, and no one has mentioned the sum that Mr. Black was reading. We have had numerous enquiries, since then, as to just how much it was. We cannot tell, exactly, for we have forgotten the figures, but it was in the nature of \$20,000 or \$30,000. It will be remembered that both the Highway Department and the Water Department were trading gravel, for credits with their departments, and the Water Department was specifically trading for credits on 'equipment hire'.

(Town Manager Joseph Courtney has taken cognizance of these figures, however. He is hoping to buy some equipment, next spring, with the money that has been spent for equipment hire. He plans to have an item for such, in the budget which he will present to the town.)

To get back to gravel. The TM wrote a letter to the Town Counsel, asking for a ruling on his powers, with regard to the Water Commissioners. He asked a number of questions, and the answers were all that he could possibly want. The TM can appoint and remove Commissioners, personnel etc. He is the sole purchasing agent, can require any and all information, and any and all records from the Commissioners, can designate who is going to be the Chairman, can compel the Commissioners to participate in scheduling of outlays, or the public works programs of the

town, etc. etc. In other words the Town Counsel ruled that the Town Manager had full authority, with regard to the Water Commissioners. He also ruled that the Water Commissioners had no right to sell the gravel, and that any sale of personal property, even of value not over \$500.00 would require the approval of the Selectmen and/or Town Manager, and that, in this case, the gravel was not even personal property before it is dug out, so that there can be no sale of it while it is in the ground, without a town vote.

The gravel business has been settled, by a vote of the Board of Selectmen. They voted unanimously to accept a check, for the town, of \$4,551.30 in payment for the gravel that the

Water Department had traded for equipment hire, after having been advised by the Town Counsel that this was the best thing to do. Selectman Nick DeFelice made a few noises that indicated he wasn't quite satisfied, and actually did not vote, but he made no objection the following week when the Clerk of the Board read the record as having been 'unanimous'. Nick thinks that there should be an accounting for the Highway Department, too.

Water Extensions

The Selectmen and the TM are getting into a little contretemps with the Finance Committee, over the matter of a water extension on Suncrest Avenue, and there will probably be some discussion of this, in the Special Town Meeting of November 28th.

It will be remembered that the Water Extension Committee felt that they could not replace a 2 inch main, on that street, with a larger one, because a replacement was not an extension of the water system. The Selectmen, later, voted to go along with the Town Manager, in transferring \$3100.00 from the Garbage Collection Account of last year, to put a 6 inch main on Suncrest Avenue, for a distance of about 700 feet. The reason for the vote was one of fire protection - 32 houses we believe, in one group, without a hydrant.

Mrs. Drew, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, made a special trip into Boston, to talk over this transfer with the Department of Corporations and Taxation. This is the place that used to be known as 'Mr. Dine's Office',

where many a town has had its financial trans-disapproved or approved, by the State.

The lady was told that the transfer by the Selectmen was proper, and in order, as regards to the Town Charter, which gives such powers to the Town Manager and Selectmen, under Section L.

The Finance Committee, however, doesn't like it. They have pointed out that the Statutes of Massachusetts specifically state that the power to appropriate lies solely with the voters of the town, and this was, in effect an appropriation, in spite of the fact that it was technically a transfer. In other words, we may assume, the Finance Committee is of the opinion that Section L of the Town Charter is to all intents and purposes unconstitutional.

The members of the Finance Committee are said to be planning to bring in an article, asking the town to petition the State Legislature to reconsider Section L, and remove it from the law which is our Town Charter. This, we understand, is supposed to come up at the Special Town Meeting.

We will agree with the Finance Committee that they have a point which certainly should be discussed. It is one of the points in our Town Charter which we have always considered as being 'too strong'. We do not, however, feel that the place to discuss this is a Special Town Meeting, where only a few voters are present, as a rule. It is something that should be discussed only in an Annual Town Meeting, to our way of thinking.

More on the Charter

The School Committee, meanwhile, is unhappy over another provision of the Town Charter, that which places in the hands of the Town Manager the administration of the plant of the public schools. It will be remembered that the School Committee wrangled with Dean Cushing, our previous Town Manager, over this provision, because they felt that insufficient attention was being spent on this subject. We haven't heard of any wrangling with the present TM, but the subject is still being discussed by the Committee. They have voted to send a letter to the Town Counsel, asking for advice on how to get this provision of the Charter changed.

Joe Must Go!

Meanwhile we are having a movement in town which is designated to do away with the Town Manager Plan. It is popularly called 'Joe Must Go!'. Joe being, of course, our present TM, Joseph Courtney. Several petitions are in circulation, asking that there be a vote in the annual Town Meeting.

To the Editor of the Town Crier:

Knowing that a newspaper can be a strong weapon for the common good, let me wish you, as you enter on a new venture in life, that you will be guided to serve your town and its inhabitants to the very best of your ability for the most good for the most people: To show firmness and mercy to all: To serve with sincerity and humility

Your mother.

O E S INSPECTION

Acacia Chapter, order of the Eastern Star, held its 847th stated meeting in the Masonic apartments on Tuesday of last week. An early business meeting at five-thirty was followed by a delicious catered luncheon at six thirty to a large group of members and visitors! At eight o'clock the ceremony of inspection was given by Sister Emily S. Phelps, Deputy Grand Matron assisted by Sister Alice Whitcomb, Deputy Grand Marshall. The soloist for the evening was Sister Beth Johansen, Worthy Matron of Billerica. The reception committee consisted of Bro. Howard Collins, Past Patron of Acacia Chapter, and Sister Thelma M. Rice, Past Matron of Acacia.

An afternoon tea was held at three o'clock by the officers to welcome the Deputies.

Mr and Mrs James B. Goodpaster, formerly of Parker Avenue South Tewksbury, and now residents of Topsfield are the present Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star Chapter of Wilmington.

DRIVERLESS CAR ON ITS OWN

Autoists on Main Street, on Nov. 10th, were amazed to see a driverless car rolling down the hill, from Wilmington square, toward Woburn. The car had been parked on the West side of Main Street, and the brakes failed to hold it, at 10:30 a.m. It rolled down the hill, through traffic, and came to rest against a retaining wall, on property at the corner of Forest Street and Main Street (on the east side of Main Street). The right fender was the only item to suffer any damage.

Wilmington Police identified the car as property of Irene C. Ellwell, Shady Lane Drive, North Wilmington.

FINED FOR SPEEDING

Arthur J. Riddle, Carroll Road, Tewksbury, was fined \$5.00 in Woburn Court, on Nov. 14th, by Judge William Henchey, after being found guilty of speeding. Riddle had been arrested by Officer Charles Ellsworth, of the Wilmington Police.

NEW FLORIDA RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Fraser Collins, 344 Woburn Street, North Wilmington, have moved to Florida, where they will live near the home of Mr. Fraser's sister, in Coral Gables.



PRESENTATION OF A SEFER TORAH TO TEMPLE EMMANUEL, WAKEFIELD

L to R Cantor Herman H Corman Dr Thomas W Leavitt, Dr Immanuel Ben-Dur Mrs Joseph Leavitt, Dr Joseph Leavitt Rabbi Meyer S Baer, Abraham J Ruthfield and Jacob Soroko.

(Story in Town Notes)

FOUR CHILDREN-
(from Front Page)

both the fathers are mentally ill. Both are Veterans and are 100% disability cases with the Veterans Administration.

Investigator George F Richardson, of the Veterans Administration, came to Wilmington to investigate the case. He was, the Board of Health states, 'extremely cooperative'.

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was also called by the Board of Health. They found themselves unable to prosecute however, because of a time limit in the law.

MRS. IDA SWARTZ ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF WILMINGTON
SYNAGOGUE AUXILIARY

Mrs. Ida Swartz, last year's president of the Wilmington Synagogue, was re-elected president, in a meeting held in her home, on October 28th. Elected vice president was Mrs. Morton Levine, with Mrs. Eva Elfman treasurer, and Mrs. Rose Kaufman secretary.

The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at the home of Mrs. Simmons.

4-H LEADERS BANQUET

The annual Eastern Section Leaders Association banquet was held in North Reading on Saturday, November 12th. Joyce Corum was presented the Middlesex County award in Home Improvement and Barbara Nims, the County award for Alumni Recognition.

TROWEL CLUB TOMORROW

There will be an important business meeting of the Trowel Club of Friendship Lodge A.F. and A.M. tomorrow night, November 18th at the Masonic Hall on Church Street. All Masons are cordially invited to attend.

LOST DOG

Lost-Mongrel Shepard Dog, about 9 months old. Has tag from Animal Rescue League, Boston, No. 10072. Rusty Color, Black overcoat OL-8-4875, MacDonald,

Chestnut Street (adv.)

GIFT SHOP OPENS MONDAY

Sadie Mullen will open up her Gift Shop, Monday Nov. 21st, at the corner of Bay State Road and Vernon Street Wilmington. (adv.)

FALL VACATIONERS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Robinson of Edgecomb Row recently returned from a very enjoyable trip to New Jersey and New York City. The week that most of us were bemoaning the extremely rainy weather they were traveling in their MG with the top down basking in warm air and sunshine. Their entertainment consisted, in part, of avid attendance of some of the best plays on Broadway.

ARE YOU WILLING?

An appeal to all organizations willing to assist in the town of Wilmington is being made by Father Harney of Boston who is requesting donations of clothing to send to the people of the Island of Jamaica in the Caribbean Sea. These people are desperately in need of help. The Veterans of Foreign Wars have already extended a helping hand by allowing their hall to be used as headquarters on Saturday, November 12th, from one to five in the afternoon for those who wish to leave clothing.

If more convenient, articles may be taken to Post Commander Thomas E. Mullen who resides on 51 Porter Road in Tewksbury.

COM FUND MEETS TONIGHT

The Wilmington Community Fund will meet tonight, at 8, at the home of Mrs. Jacqueline Platt, 5 Sheridan Road No Wilmington.

RAILROAD SCHEDULES
TO AND FROM BOSTON

EA STERN STANDARD TIME

WILMINGTON & SILVERLAKE

TO BOSTON

Leave Slake	Leave Wmngtn	Arrive Boston
5:34	5:38	6:15
6:48	6:51	7:20
	7:00ff	7:33
7:10	7:13&	7:54
	7:42	8:15
	7:49	8:30
8:11		8:35
	8:05*	8:50
	8:45ff*	9:17
	9:17&	9:45
	9:43	10:15
	10:49	11:20
	11:14	11:45
	12:12	12:47
	1:12	1:42
	2:12	2:45
	3:22	3:53
	4:16	4:45
	5:12ff*	5:27
	5:37ff	6:05
	5:55&	6:30
	6:50ff*	7:20
	7:20	7:50
	8:14	8:47
	9:44	10:17

SUNDAYS

12:12	12:47
3:22	3:53
6:39	7:05
7:24	7:55
8:53	9:20
9:44	10:17

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¢ Will Not Run Nov 11.
Nov 24, Dec 26.
* Will Not Run Nov 11.
Nov 24, Dec 26, Jan 2,
Feb 22, Apr 19.

BOSTON TO
WILMINGTON & SILVERLAKE

Leave Boston	Arrive Wmngtn	Arrive S.Lake
6:00	6:33	
6:37¢	7:14	
7:55	8:30	
9:40*	10:23	
10:45	11:15	
11:40	12:09	
12:40	1:07	
1:40	2:14	
2:50	3:19	
3:40	4:14	
4:45ff*	5:23	
5:05	5:47	
5:20ff¢	6:04	
5:40&		6:02
5:40ff	6:09	6:13
5:50	6:27	
6:20ff*	6:57	
6:45	7:15	7:19
8:00	8:29	
9:00	9:29	
10:00ff	10:36	
11:00	11:42	
11:59	12:30	

SUNDAYS

12:40	1:07
4:15	4:45
7:15	7:50
9:00	9:29
11:00	11:42
11:59	12:30

NORTH WILMINGTON TO BOSTON

Leave	Arrive
5:45	6:22
6:53	7:20
7:43	8:22
8:56	9:33
1:16	1:50
1:57	2:32
3:58	4:22
7:27	7:55
9:10	9:47
10:55	11:28

SUNDAYS

7:07	7:41
12:38	1:10
3:55	4:30
7:27	7:55
10:55	11:28

BOSTON TO NORTH WILMINGTON

Leave	Arrive
2:30	3:01
6:40	7:12
7:10	7:47
9:55&	10:29
10:55	11:26
1:55&	2:36
3:55	4:17
4:53ff	5:18
5:10&	5:36
5:32	6:04
5:55	6:21
7:55	8:27
8:55	9:27
9:55ff	10:27
10:55	11:26
11:55	12:40

& Saturdays Only
ff Except Saturdays

SUNDAYS

7:45	8:25
4:50	5:25
6:00	6:31
8:55	9:27
10:55	11:26
11:55	12:32

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(Editorial-Continued from Page Two)

These petitions are in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, which provides that if 10 percent of the voters sign such a petition the question must appear on the ballot. We understand that the required number of voters have signed their names.

Joe Courtney hasn't signed, he says, but, he adds, the only reason is that no one has asked him to. He has acknowledged the movement by having a sign on his wall, which says, in letters one inch high 'Joe Must Go!'

Cognizance of the movement was acknowledged in the last meeting of the Baldwin Civic Association, which is very strongly behind the Town Manager Plan. One member is reported to have spoken for nearly an hour on the subject, viewing it with alarm, etc.

Churches

Our churches, in the past month, have made several changes. Parking lots are now in back of St. Thomas, and the Methodist Church, both of which have entrances near the church, and exits on another street. We have heard some of the parishioners of St. Thomas complaining that not enough of the worshippers are using the parking lot, and that they still want to park in front. We haven't heard the same complaint from the Methodists, but perhaps the same situation prevails there--we don't know. The Congregational Church, with a large parking lot to the north of the church, is still having some troubles with their parking. Early arrivals park their cars across the entrance to

the parking lot, and late comers still have to park their cars on Middlesex Avenue.

The Couples Club of the Congregational Church has paid for the installation of a flood lighting system, so that the church tower can be illuminated. The new system has been tried out and the effect is one of beauty. It won't be used, however, until just before Christmas.

St. Thomas and St. Dorothy's have had their annual Church Fairs, and we are told that in financial sense they made out very well. The Congregational Church is in the middle of their fair, and are having a musical program tonight, featuring Herman Moe, violinist, formerly of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and other well known musicians. The Methodists will have theirs on November 30th and December 1st.

Mr. Sidelinker

A decision has finally been reached in Woburn Court, in regard to Sidelinker's appeal on the County Commissioner's against his dog kennel. The Court ruled on November 2nd that the appeal was invalid, and should not be considered by the Court.

We don't believe that this will finish the case. Of course, we really don't know, and the answer can only be provided by the Town Officials and Mr. Sidelinker, but we wouldn't be surprised to see the case go to the Middlesex Superior Court.

FREAK ACCIDENT

(from Front Page)

the rear of the Neilson home.

Gildart's wrecker was called to extricate the car, but it was able to operate on its own power after getting back on the highway.

THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

160 acres of land in South Wilmington was the subject of a long but practically one-sided conversation in the Selectmen's meeting Monday night. We are just kidding ourselves.

The Selectmen had received an application from John Brock of Somerville for the right to have a third-class garage on the property. This was the second such application which had been received from Brock. One last April was turned down. At that time Representative Zamporelli of Medford had also been pre-

sent.

The Selectmen have been, as a matter of course, turning down all applications for Third Class Garage license. A Third Class Garage is one where automobiles are generally junked for salvage. The Selectmen turned down this application 3 - 0. De Felice did not vote and Selectman Black was absent.

After the vote had been recorded De Felice spoke up

'We deny everything for Monday night. I don't care a long but practically one-sided conversation in the application after application. We are just kidding ourselves. Lets get some legitimate business done there-he is going to operate something anyway-lets stop denying applications!' He pointed out that Zamporelli was not a 'two-bit' lawyer, and wouldn't represent a firm in which he had no confidence. 'We are not only kidding ourselves, we are kidding the town!'

Selectman E Hayward Bliss: 'But we always have denied every Third Class license. We granted one for that radar stuff last spring - What happened to that one?'

TM Courtney: 'He never came to get it.'

Selectman Joseph Woods: 'Lets contact him and see if he wants it.'

Bliss: We wouldn't object to that business.

De Felice: I say we are kidding ourselves. We send the cops and the Fire Chief and everybody else down there! If a good business man wants to locate there he should be able to size up the situation. I find things are not to his liking he will pull out. Lets put that policy out the window and we will all be better off!

Retarded Children

A letter from Mrs Raymond Harrington, 107 Aldrich Road was read to the board. Mrs. Harrington has been appointed the Wilmington leader for a drive to gather funds for the Boston Association to aid Retarded Children.

The letter stated that the American Legion Auxiliary was planning a tag day in Wilmington on Dec. 2nd - 3rd to aid the drive. On motion of Bliss, the Board voted to grant the necessary license, after application had been made.

Finance Committee

Two articles for inclusion in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting of Nov. 28th were received from the Finance Committee.

One of the articles would have the Selectmen petition the Legislature to delete paragraph L, of Section 12 from the Town Charter - the paragraph that gives the Town Manager and Selectmen the power to transfer funds.

The second article was one which would have the town vote to transfer money for the Suncrest Avenue Water Mains - in effect to approve of a similar vote already made by the Selectmen.

In answer to enquiries by De Felice Courtney explained that if the Legislature were to delete the paragraph the only way money could be transferred would be after the Finance Committee had approved and then the town had voted it by a 2/3rds majority in Town Meeting.

He also pointed out that he had understood that the original intent of the paragraph was to give the Town Manager the power to consolidate departments and to make emergency transfers of a small nature such as when employees of one department were working for another department.

De Felice: Although I voted for the Suncrest Avenue water main I personally feel that the Finance Committee is right in wanting the people to vote on town money.

TM: Yes, but this action broke the deadlock on Suncrest Avenue. The Water Extension Committee, the Water Board, the Finance Committee - no one did anything about it until the Selectmen acted. This got us the pipe - We couldn't wait until a house buried down, before we declared an emergency.

De Felice: Couldn't there be a limiting provision, as to

the amount of funds to be transferred? We-as elected officials should not transfer money like this if it should turn out that it isn't right.

Bliss: Theoretically, the Finance Committee wants to change a situation in which the elected representatives of the people have an invested power from the people.

TM: By wiping this paragraph out of the charter we may find ourselves in a position we may regret. We used this provision only once this year and that was to get the log rolling on Suncrest Avenue. We started something that no one else would start

West Street

Courtney spent quite a bit of time explaining the complications of West Street, where the town had voted last Spring to have a new road, at the big curve. He told the board that some of the data on which the survey was made for the plan which had been voted and had been wrongly based, and that as voted the street would go through some houses, and close to others. He also said that he believed there would be difficulty concerning the price of the land. On advice of the Town Counsel, he had employed John D Cooke as an experienced

real-estate man, to value the land, which would be taken in the curve. Mr. Cooke had said it was worth \$400.00, and this price was offered, by registered mail, to the owner now in Florida. There has been no reply. Courtney told the board that the first and basic problem was to get the water main laid so as to make the two dead ends of West Street meet each other, and that the Town Counsel had recommended that there be an article in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, authorizing the Water Commissioners to take an 'easement' by eminent domain in

the path of the proposed street, so that a main could be laid. He explained it at length after which the Board noted to authorize such an article.

Warrant

The warrant for the Special Town Meeting will be a long one, because of the length of the new proposed Zoning Law. Courtney told the board that more money would be needed, to have this printed, and he was authorized to ask the Finance Committee for a transfer.

JANET GOMES RESIGNS AS CONGO. CHURCH ORGANIST

Miss Janet Gomes, organist of the Congregational Church from the past two years has resigned. Miss Gomes is moving to Maryland this week, to accept employment there.

Kenneth Kelley, 424 Middlesex Avenue, North Wilmington, Dean of Music Emeritus of Boston University, will temporarily replace Miss Gomes, next Sunday.

Xmas Lights

Courtney reported that it would cost \$138.45 to install pipe, in Wilmington Square, for Christmas lights, not including the cost of labor for digging holes. This was approved by the Selectmen. Courtney said the work would start as soon as possible.

Transfers

Courtney reported a request by the Finance Committee for more information on requested transfers. He had sent the necessary information.

Hearing

There is to be a public hearing on the new Zoning Law, in the High School Auditorium, Thursday evening.

Gravel

A form, for 'release', with the Cronin Brothers, with regard to the gravel taken from Abigail's Island, will be received from Town Counsel Phillip Buzzell, next Monday.

Legislature

Representative Frank Tanner has advised that any bills which are to be filed in the State Legislature should be ready soon, as the closing date is Dec. 7.

Funds

The Town Accountant has advised that there will have to be two articles for the Warrant, for appropriating money. One for \$1300.00 for Vocational Training, and one for \$700.00 for Veterans Aid.

Lafionatis Resigns

Thomas Lafionatis, Civil Defense Director of Wilmington for the past three years, has resigned his post. Courtney reported that he was sorry to lose Mr. Lafionatis, who had put a lot of work into his job. He believed Lafionatis was getting very discouraged, at the lack of response. He took the job seriously, put in an inordinate number of hours, and 'once a week would get a basketfull of forms, from the State and Federal governments, which he had to fill out', Courtney said.

Money Transfer

Courtney also reported that there would be money to be transferred from the Interest Account, to the Excess and Deficiency Account, an amount of \$1800.00 at the Special Town Meeting.

PART OF STOLEN CASH REGISTER FOUND IN TOWN PARK

Part of a cash register, which had been stolen from a gas station in Reading, was found in the Town Park, on Nov. 12th, by Officer George Shepard of the Wilmington Police.

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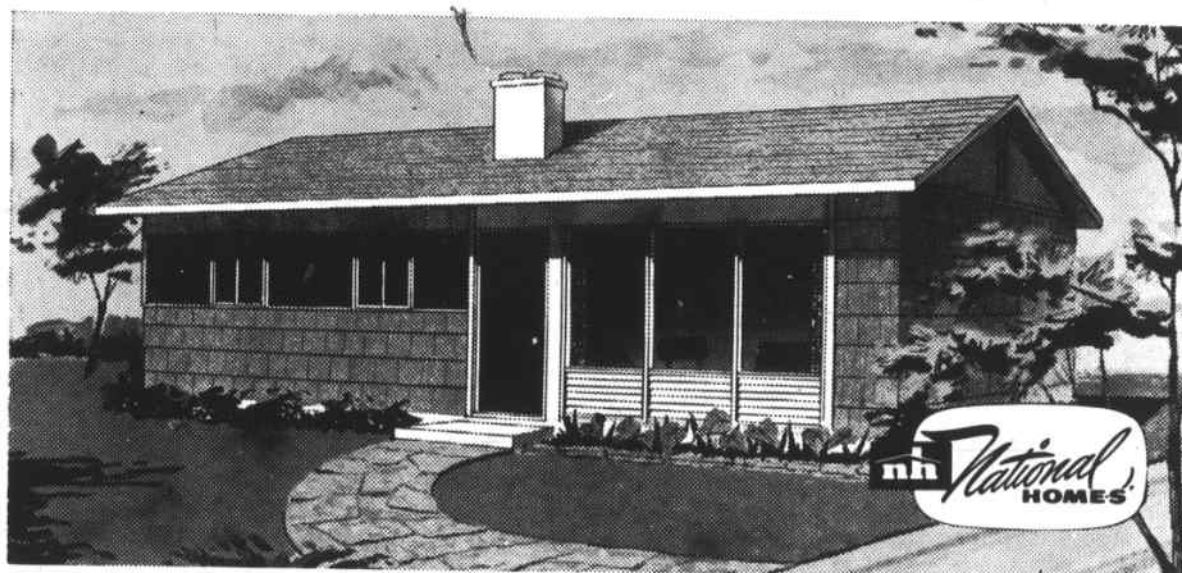
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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATING SYSTEM EXPLAINED TO ROTARY CLUB

(State Representative C Eugene Farnam of Medford was a member of the Committee which wrote the present Compulsory Insurance Law of Massachusetts. He has been a member of the committee for six years and has never missed a meeting.)

Wilmington fares well under the merit rating compulsory insurance plan, Rep. C. Eugene Farnam, of Medford told the members of the Rotary Club of Wilmington, at their weekly luncheon, on November 2nd.

Mr. Farnam brought his hearers right down to actual figures and told them that the much discussed assessment on cars driven by people under 25 years of age has dropped from \$78.00 in 1953 to \$65.50 in 1956.

Rep. Farnam's discussion covered every phase of the law which affects every household. He said in part:

"The Compulsory Insurance Law was enacted by the Mass. Legislature in 1927. Thereby guaranteeing that in the event of injury or death caused by a motor vehicle up to \$5,000 would be paid to the survivors for loss of one life or up to \$10,000 for more than one life. Contiguous territories were then set up, rates established based on the experience or accident frequency of the registered cars in each territory. From 1929 to date the compulsory automobile insurance question has been a tremendous political issue, subject to all sorts of criticism and charges. Two weeks ago the compulsory rates for 1956 were announced by the Commissioner of Insurance. In accordance with the law he held a public hearing last Friday. At that hearing all sorts of politicians made speeches accusing insurance companies of every charge in the book, none of them based on fact. In another two weeks the rates will become official.

"This procedure goes on each year, but nothing tangible is accomplished with 1,400,000 vehicles driven by almost 2,000,000 drivers and the powerful political implications involved. The individual who asks 'why should I pay the same rate for my insurance as the fellow next door, he has had five accidents, I have had none' feels that it is not equitable and just that he be left unsatisfied with the high rate.

"Attempting to solve the many problems and criticisms of the compulsory insurance question, in January 1953, the Governor sent to the Insurance Committee, of which I am a member, a rough draft of legislation designed to adjust many of the inequities in our system.

"Seven months later, after many, many long hours of deliberation S-570 was reported into the House of Representatives favorably. S-570 is more commonly known as the 'Merit Rating Plan.' By an overwhelming majority it was enacted into law.

"Despite all the time and effort put forth the 'Merit Rating Plan' enacted by the legislature is not perfect—but it is a sincere effort to place the burden of responsibility on those who cause accidents and/or violate the laws of the road.

"The law required that the Governor appoint a Highway Safety Committee with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles as

Chairman and include the Commissioners of several state departments and three private citizens as members. It was their responsibility to set up a point system dealing with the in fractions of laws of the road. They were to meet monthly and take whatever action was necessary to expedite safety. Early in 1954, a very limited schedule was broadened to include more infractions of laws of the road, road and involvement in motor vehicle accidents with responsibility. How does this plan work?

"On renewal of license the point accumulation of each license will be recorded on his license. All points will stay on the license for four (4) consecutive years and then each two years thereafter the first two years point accumulation is deleted.

"Under the law the Commissioner of Insurance is required to determine a point evaluation for the surcharge. It has recently been announced that each point will have a value of \$6.00 effective January 1, 1956. It should be noted that surcharges do not take effect until points are recorded on the license. The amount of surcharge collected is applied to reduce the rates otherwise payable in each territory. Statements have been made that the collected surcharge of \$6.00 per point is additional revenue for the insurance companies. Of course this is not true, the Commissioner of Insurance must apply these excess payments to reduce the premium of the point free drivers in each territory.

I have here in my hand a copy or clipping of a talk given by Roger Kenny, insurance editor of the United States Investor. He is quoted here as saying 'By accepting \$430,000 from the state in additional premiums under the point system of highway safety in Massachusetts the insurance companies are entering into an 'unholy marriage' between the state and private enterprise'.

This is typical of the charges that are made. Mr. Kenny should know better. The additional money that is collected is used in each district to reduce the premiums for those drivers who have had no points assessed against them. You have not yet had the system in operation long enough to see the results.

The people who will pay surcharges in 1956 will represent about 1% of the car owners on the average. For example, there are approximately 2000 cars registered in Wilmington and through July of this year 24 registrants have been assessed a total of 94 collectible points.

"The total points assessed by the registrar are not all collectible which is a misleading statement in that a substantial number of the points already assessed will not be collected until they are recorded on licenses expiring in 1956 and 1957. In addition a large num-

ber of those assessed points do not own a car and consequently do not pay any insurance premiums and therefore pay no surcharges.

"The Registrar of Motor Vehicles reports that through September 30 of this year that 114,022 have been assessed a total of 421,709 points. This is an average of 3.6 points per person. Of the total number of people assessed 50% received points for being at fault in bodily injury accidents or property damage in excess of \$100.00.

"It is interesting to note in the first nine months of 1954—12% of those assessed have been repeaters. In the comparable period of 1955 the percentage of repeaters dropped 25%. It would appear then that the intent of the 'Merit Rating Plan' to remove repeaters from our highways is beginning to show results.

"The registrar has established a schedule of penalties whereby an accumulation of 5 points in 365 days results in a hearing, letter or a conference. The amassing of 8 points in 365 days subjects one's license to suspension. A total of 12 points in 365 days subjects the offender's registration to revocation.

"These penalties are the real teeth reaching out to grab the repeater and remove him from the highway.

Since it is only natural that you would be interested in how Wilmington is faring under the 'Merit Rating Plan' I have obtained the rates for Wilmington since the inception of the compulsory law. We are able

to note that the rates have varied from \$25.00 for a Model T in 1929 to a high of \$50.00 for all private passenger cars in 1953. With the inception of the Automobile Classification plan in 1954 the rate for cars not driven by under 25 drivers dropped to \$48.50 and further dropped to \$48.00 in 1955 and I was pleasantly surprised to find that the rate has dropped again for 1956 to \$42.00. In view of the general trend upward of insurance rates the town officials and the law enforcement officials of Wilmington should be congratulated for a 13% drop in rates over a three year period.

The experience of the 1400 private passenger cars in Wilmington for 1950 showed losses of \$43000 an average of \$21.00 per car. This record has improved consistently to where, in 1954 - 2100 cars produced total losses of \$58000 an average of \$27.00. The number of cars increased 35% but the average loss per car decreased 10%.

That friends, is the reason the drivers of Wilmington will pay substantially less in premium for 1956. Let me urge you and the city officials to continue their effective program so that fewer lives will be lost, fewer people injured and lost, but not least, that there be further reductions of insurance premiums in the future.

"In the final analysis, regardless of all the charges, accusations, etc. accident frequency determines the rates in each community.

"As I said earlier the Merit Rating Plan is a sincere effort to reduce accident frequency. Already several bills have been filed for next year relative to it, some to modify various provisions, others are calling for complete repeal. If any of you

here have definite ideas that you think will help the insurance committee in wrestling with these problems, I hope, if possible you will attend the committee hearings after the first of the year, or, if that is inconvenient, drop me a line at 42 Wyman St., Medford or call me at home. I will be pleased to hear anything of a constructive nature.

WILMINGTON GIRL IN MOVIE

Sandra Dupras of 45 Andover Street, North Wilmington and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Dupras is in the Deerfield Fair sequence of the new movie 'Cinerama Holiday'. Sandra is an outstanding participant in the activities of the Trail-Blazers of 4-H Club and Wilmington Mounties.

JOINT MEETING OF HORSE CLUBS

The Trail-Blazers 4-H Club of Wilmington under the leadership of Mrs. Leo Dupras sponsored a joint meeting of the Wilmington, Reading, North Reading and Woburn Horse Clubs last Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Congregational Church vestry. Mr. Daniel Hurl of Essex County, a well known horse show judge and Mr. Leo Doherty of Woburn were the principal speakers of the evening. Marciana Stayman was the high point winner of the award given by Mr. Doherty.

RAINBOW GIRLS CHANGE MEETING DATE

Because of its regular meeting falling on Thanksgiving Day, Wilmington Assembly, Number 52, Order of the Rainbow for Girls has changed the date to the following evening, Friday November 25th at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Following the regular business meeting there will be initiation of candidates entitled to the Degrees of the Order.

The officers of the organization consist of Mrs. Thelma M. Rice, Mother Advisor, Linda Cooke, Worthy Advisor, Jane Randall, Worthy Associate Advisor, Sally Higginbotham, Charity, Barbara Odiorne, Hope, Freda Shepherd, Faith, Edith Carnes, Drill Leader, Nancy Andersen, Chaplain, Muriel Rice, Recorder, Joan Blanchard, Treasurer.

The color stations are Patricia White as Love, Joan Nims as Religion, Eleanor Kirkell as Nature, Judith Graczyk as Immortality, Shirley Williamson as Fidelity, Sandra Fiske as Patriotism, Sally Curtis as Service.

The Confidential Observer is Janice Buck, the Outer Observer is Janet Manuel, the Musician is Wilma Jones the Choir Director is Eugenia Emery, the American Flag Bearer is Barbara Gallison, the State Flag is Pollyana Smith, the Rainbow Banner is Iva Bedell, the Left Page is Evelyn Shepherd, the Right Page is Dorothy Pike and the West Page is Judith Luken.

SCHOOL NURSE LOSES HER BROTHER

Friends and townspeople extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Guy E. Nichols of Middlesex Avenue, who was called upon to pay a sudden visit to Marine City Michigan, about 50 miles outside of Detroit. Mrs. Nichols, known to everyone as Esther, is Wilmington's school nurse and traveled to attend the funeral services of one of her older brothers, a retired Minister and practicing Chiropractor Dr. Albion Cruschwitz, who passed away very suddenly. Besides his widow, the Doctor left two sons who are both Baptist Ministers two sons who are school teachers and one daughter who is the wife of the principal of the well-known Hersey School for Boys, in Hersey, Pennsylvania.

STORK VISIT

Mr and Mrs. Melvin P. Carter of Silverhurst Avenue are the proud parents of a new son, Warren David, who was born on Saturday Oct. 29th at the Malden Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and thirteen ounces at birth and has an older brother, Wayne. Grandmothers are Mrs. Vernon Gilman of Melrose and Mrs. F. Melvin Carter of Lowell.



FORMER WILMINGTON MINISTER HONORED

Chaplain (Major) Clyde M. Martin, Congregational Minister of Wilmington (1939-1947), and still a member of that church, was recently named 'Air Force Chaplain of the Year' by the District of Columbia Department of the Reserve Officers Association, Washington, D. C.

Chaplain Martin was cited for his outstanding work at Fort Myer Virginia, where he had been stationed until recently.

The award was presented in Absentia, in ceremonies at the nearby Falls Church, Virginia. Major Martin, who had left for overseas duty, was confined at the time (and still is) in the Gander, Newfoundland, hospital. He had suffered a heart attack, on the same day that President Eisenhower was so afflicted. It is expected that he will shortly be flown to Washington D. C. For further treatment.

Townspeople will remember Chaplain Martin not only for his ministry, but for his work as a member of the Wilmington Police Dept. They will also remember his very charming wife, Dorothy and his son Ross, who is now a high school student.

TEWKSBURY 29 WILMINGTON 13 PLENTY OF TELEPHONES SOON, TELEPHONE COMPANY SAYS

Tewksbury High, showing a tremendous ground attack, struck for three touchdowns in the second half, to defeat Wilmington, up in Tewksbury on Veteran's Day.

The first half was a veryor two, John Harper, Manager even affair. Tewksbury of the Lowell District of the was first to score. Midway NET&T declared Monday. An in the first period Allen additional block of 500 num took a handoff, cut overbers will be made available, his own right tackle, and within that time, to Wil went 53 yards, unmolestedmington residents.

for the first score. The telephone company has Wilmington matched this with been working on this project a score moments later, when for the past six months, and Sam Cavallaro found day-has spent a total of \$198,345 light on a quarterback sneak installing new heavy cables, and raced 73 yards for Wil- and new equipment in the tel- ington's first score. ephone exchange located in

Wilmington threatened again Wilmington Square. in the closing moments of Further work is already the first half, only to have scheduled for the Wilmington time run out with the ballexchange, because of the in- on thd Tewksbury 15 yarddecreasing demand for tele- line phones in the area serviced

The second half was all under the 'Oliver' exchange. Tewksbury. Wilmington rec- Starting in February, the eived the kickoff and on the telephone operator who an- second play from scrimmage wewers the 'operator' call will fumbled. Tewksbury recov- be in the Malden exchange, ered on thd Wilmington 35 yardinstead of in North Reading, line. On an off tackle slant as is now the case. The Mal- Allen went to the 11 yard den exchange is one of the Allen went to the 11 yardmost modern in the country, line and on the next playand is equipped to dial num- Robinson went up the middle bers in many out-of-state for Tewksbury's secondexchanges directly. This score. will mean, the telephone com-

After Tewksbury kicked off, pany says, that long distance Wilmington tried a pass, but calls will be put through Anderson, finding his rece- more promptly, for Wilmington iver covered, was tackled in subscribers.

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Aldrich going over on a are serviced by the Oliver quarterback sneak. Lessexchange More large cables than a minute later Tewks- will be installed, and an bury had another touchdown addition is to be built to when they recovered a Wil- the telephone exchange in mington fumble on the Wil-ilmington square, to accommo- mington 21 yard line, from date additional equipment for where Allen broke loose individual services. This for the fourth Tewksbury TD. project will be completed by December 1956, the company states.

Wilmington came back in the closing minutes of the game with a touchdown. Bill Hall, going over from the four. Two plays later the game ended.

NO STICKER BRINGS \$5.00 FINE

Lanie W. Townley, Hopkins Street, was fined \$5.00 in Woburn Court on Nov. 14th for driving a car without a proper safety sticker on his windshield. He had been arrested by Officer Charles Ellsworth, of the Wilmington police.

AUTO ACCIDENT IN WILMINGTON SQUARE

A roll-back, by a car which had been stopped for the traffic lights at Wilmington square, is reported to have been the cause of an accident at 9:55 p.m.

Melvin Quimby, 373 Shawshen Street, Tewksbury, claimed personal injuries as a result of the accident, and damages were suffered by his car. Rose Quimby, in the same car, reported that she, too, was badly shaken up. David P. Foster, 91 Essex Street, Salem, was the driver of the other car. Gildart's wrecker had to be called to separate the cars, after the accident.

FIRE IN SHED ON CHURCH STREET

Wilmington's only fire of last week involved a small shed, on the property of E. W. Fiske, on Church Street on Nov. 10th, at 4:15 p.m. The damage was slight.

Short-Stuff

We thought that Bill Hall played a tremendous game for Wilmington. He was going for big yardage all afternoon with men hanging all over him. The big difference was the lack of depth in the Wilmington squad. They played themselves out in the first half and had no replacements to spell them later in the game.

Wilmington plays its last game next Saturday against Chelmsford High, at the Wilmington Town Park.

The call goes out Monday to all candidates for the boys and girls basketball teams. Both teams are looking forward to working in their new gym.

FINED \$5.00 FOR SPEEDING

Robert J. Stokowski, Marshal Street, Tewksbury, paid a \$5.00 fine in Woburn Court, on Nov. 10th, after having been found guilty of speeding by Judge William Henchey. Stokowski, who pled not guilty, was arrested by Officer George Shepard, of the Wilmington Police.



RED CROSS FIRST AID CLASSES FOR GROUND OBSERVER CORPS AND SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

Fred Sedden, North Reading Sanatorium, Instructor in Red Cross First Aid, is shown at far left in upper picture, taken at Center School. In the rear of the room is Rene Larivee, Chief Ground Observer. The lady with the long hair is Mrs. Marilyn Langone, one of Wilmington's 'Lady Cops'. In the foreground Bob Howard of Tewksbury receives aid from his wife. The two ladies beside Sedden are Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Gunderson of Hathaway Road.

Lower left, Mrs. Sedden 'comforts' a victim. Lower Right, Mrs. Thomas Bertelson of Reading revives a victim in the foreground. The lady victim is Mrs. Alice Berry, another 'Lady Cop'.

GEORGE CUSHING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WILMINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE

Lt. George Cushing, of the Wilmington Fire Department, Sunday Masses at Silver Lake was elected President of at 8:45am (Children's) and the Wilmington Little League 11:00 am. At St. Mary's at 7:00, 8:30 (Children's), meeting on Nov. 7th. Lt. 10:00 and 11:15 am. Cushing has been active in Daily Mass at 7:00 am the Wilmington Little League since its inception Miraculous Medal Novena Monday at 7:45 pm

Robert Hastings of King Street was elected Vice Confessions: At Silver Lake President, at the same Saturday afternoon at 3:30, meeting, Robert Baker at St Mary's Saturdays at 4:15 and 7:30: Thursdays before First Friday 7:30 p.m. Ralph Zwicker, of Mystic Eves of Holy Days 7:30 Avenue, North Wilmington, elected Secretary.

CONGO CHURCH BOYS TO HAVE PAPER COLLECTION NOV. 26

Boys of the Congregational Church Sunday School will have a town-wide paper drive, on Saturday Nov. 26th., all day. Trucks will cover the entire town. The boys are collecting funds for a basketball team, and the money realized from the paper drive will be used to purchase equipment, etc.

ST. DOROTHY'S CHURCH

Wilmington - So. Tewksbury Rev. Joseph S Leahy, Pastor

AUTO ACCIDENT ON MAIN STREET

Roland E. Lafreniere, 42 Sutherland Street, Lowell, reported to the Wilmington Police at 2:30 a.m. Nov. 11th that he had been forced off the road, on Main Street, at Butters Row, by a car that sped off in the darkness. Lafreniere's car, a Mercury was damaged on the right front door, where the car had struck several guide posts.

Shipments of Portland cement destined for Massachusetts last year totaled 4,180,000 barrels, as reported by the U. S. Department of Commerce. Based on the first five months, the year 1955 promises a total of more than 4,600,000 barrels.

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TOWN NOTES

Weather

Somebody in the last few days has told us that the past three years in New England have been wetter than the usual trend. We are inclined to agree with him.

October was very wet with the Second Connecticut Flood taking the brunt for the rainfall. We had a total of 9.67 inches in that month, of which 6.62 inches fell during Oct. 13-17. All our streams and brooks were at flood stage, after that, and they have not subsided since because of the more recent rains. Very few cellars had to be pumped out we are told.

Rain generally means warm weather. During October we didn't get a single frost until Oct. 22nd, which is the latest we have heard for a killing frost. Back yard gardeners who managed to protect their crops in the few light frosts of September had an additional month for growth of crops.

The lack of frosts proved one thing, and that is that leaves turn color anyway. All the leaves had turned their usual beautiful hues before Oct. 16th, when they were blown away in a gale of wind.

During the week of Nov. 6-12 we had 1.7 inches of rain, all of which fell during the night of Nov. 10-11. Part of this was snow - there was one half inch on the ground when we woke up.

Temple Emmanuel

During the course of our short life we have had occasion to attend many other churches than that of our particular choice. Perhaps one of the most noteworthy was the Buddhist Shrine of Angkor Wat in Rangoon Burma. We had not however, ever attended a Synagogue.

Last Oct. 30th we were the invited guest of Mr and Mrs Meyer Weinberg of Salem St. at the Temple Emmanuel, of Wakefield. The occasion was the presentation of a 'Sefer Torah' to the Temple. One of the families of the Congregation presented the Torah, Dr and Mrs Joseph Leavitt. They had acquired it on a recent trip to Israel, and it is believed to be the first Torah presented by the State of Israel to an American Synagogue.

The services began at 7 pm in the temple, which we found to be a place of quiet beauty. It was until recently a private home, but it has been extensively rebuilt.

The Sanctuary, which seated 118 persons, was finished in quartered oak and had a soft white ceiling. About the room on both sides were stained glass windows with the Star of David inset. In the front of the room was the Altar which was covered with appropriate draperies. Behind it was a portiere which, we later learned, covered the

doors of the Ark of the Covenant. Above the portiere were the Ten Commandments on a representation of the Tablets, and below them a red light burned with a subdued hue.

Each man of course wore a small skull cap. We too donned one for the occasion. The ladies wore their own hats, as in other churches, but we noticed one who was bareheaded. The services of course, were marked by their sincerity, but the congregation was just as informal as in other churches. Compared to some other churches it was delightfully informal.

This congregation we were told was 'Conservative'. There are three main branches of Judaism in the United States, the 'Orthodox' in which all services are we presume, in Hebrew, the 'Conservative' which has services in both Hebrew and English, and the 'Reformed' who presumably have services in English only.

The Rabbi was Dr. Meyer S. Baer, a practicing dentist of Woburn. His diction was extremely clear and his presentation all that could be desired. Beside him at the Altar was a Cantor, Herman H. Corman of Brookline, who sang the appropriate hymns, very nicely. He was accompanied on the organ and we noted that the hymns were sung to an eight tone scale. It is our impression that the ancient Hebrews sang to a seven tone scale as the Arabs do today.

There were numerous occasions when the congregation to stand or sit, at the Rabbi's directions. The highlight of course was the ceremony of taking the Torah from the Ark, and the Procession which followed. It was all very solemn.

The Torah is the ancient book of instructions which is traditionally handed down from generation to generation. Our readers may recall that some of these written over 2000 years ago were recently discovered in a cave near the Dead Sea. It is written in the ancient form of a scroll, presumably on parchment or leather.

After the Procession Dr. Leavitt presented the new Torah. We found him to be very impressive, tall and courtly. The Sefer Torah which he presented was adorned with silver ornaments, the meaning of which was lost to us, and the upper handles were covered with metal caps, nicely worked, and bearing small bells. The Torah we imagine had been purchased by him in Israel, but then it had been given to him by the President of Israel, and is believed to be the first Torah, so presented, to arrive in the United States.

After the presentation Dr. Immanuel Ben-Dur, Deputy Director of the Department of Antiquities of the State of Israel spoke. The Doctor, who has studied in many European universities, explained the meaning of the word 'Sefer'. Sefer was the ancient Jewish word for copper. After the Hebrews had first written on stone or clay the next material

was copper. From this was derived the word which means, in effect 'true writing' even though today it is on other materials.

Dr. Ben-Dur is today lecturing in Harvard University. He has an official title there, but we were unable to remember it.

Salem Street

One of the events of the past month which has met nothing but popular approval is the reconstruction of Salem Street. The Section which lies North of the B&MRR, towards the Tewksbury line is being widened and a new surface applied. The work is being done under Chapter 90, which means that the State, Town and County share in the cost.

This section of Salem St. was chosen because Route 28 will have an exit where it crosses Salem Street, and heavy traffic is foreseen from Route 28 towards Tewksbury.

Halloween Eve

There wasn't too much excitement on Halloween Eve, perhaps because there was a little shower of rain about 8:30 pm. It was just in time to drive the little darlings in. One lady on North Street had some damage to her property when some well aimed rotten eggs crashed through the glass door, in front of the house.

Dight hydrants were opened mostly in the Shawsheen Avenue Grove Avenue area, but one of them was on Columbia Street. The water level in the standpipe on Kelly's Hill dropped about three feet before the Water Department could get the hydrants closed, while three feet doesn't sound like much, it represents an awful lot of water.

TM Joe Courtney and some of the Selectmen took a tour of the town about midnight, and found everything very peaceful. Their only excitement was to get Joe's car wedged on a rock that the Highway Department had left by the road side, when Auburn Avenue was rebuilt this summer. It was one of those rocks which the Department intended to take away later. Joe now has visible proof that it wasn't

First Deer

The first deer of the season was killed before the season ever began. Frank Lepore, a truck driver from Boston, who sometimes stays up on grove Avenue, struck a young doe, at about 2 am on Oct. 12th.

The deer jumped out from the brush, near the Harrington Brothers Service Station, on Main Street, right in front of Lepore's truck.

Gordon Smith, Conservation Officer from Pinehurst took the deer on his way to work at about 7 a.m. Smith told us that he would have to destroy the carcass because the meat had become tainted in the five hours between death and the time he picked it up.

Safety Stand

We notice that our Wilmington Cops have in the past couple of weeks acquired a portable traffic platform for use in the middle of Wilmington Square. It is sort of pedestal in which the traffic officer can mount and be at a suitable level to see what is going on. Being of steel and painted white, it may be said to give him a certain amount of protection. It can be easily tipped over and rolled away, at times when it is not in use.

The cops have been using it on Sunday afternoons and on other occasions when traffic was particularly heavy. It has proved its worth, if only to get the cops out there into the square and direct traffic. Our friend who talks out of the corner of his mouth calls it a 'Pill Box' but then, he always takes a dim view of things.

Safety Zones

Throughout the town, as one drives around today, one will see signs 'Safety Zone'. They mark areas where hunting is prohibited. Generally they mean that there is a home within five hundred feet. The signs mean what they say, and woe betide any hunter who is caught in one of the zones! Most of the signs, we are told were put up by the Wilmington Rod & Gun Club, at the request of the land owners.

Sign

We haven't heard any comment about it, but the people on Lawrence street finally can tell their friends to look for the sign at the end of the road. It was put up Monday, on Glen Road with an arrow pointing out the direction.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP TO FORM

All girls from ten to thirteen years of age, inclusive, are interested in becoming Girl Scouts, and members of Troop 137, are invited to attend a meeting at the Methodist church on Friday night November 18, at 7:30 p.m. Parents are requested to attend.

INJURES SHOULDER GETTING OFF TRAIN

Gerald A. Vigeant, 38 years old, of Washington Avenue, injured his left shoulder, when he slipped and fell, while getting off a train at Wilmington Station, at 7:25 a.m., Nov. 11th. He was taken to the police station by the railroad agent and was treated by Dr. Miriam Hosmer.

FENDER SKIRTS STOLEN

Black fender skirts, valued at approximately \$30.00, were stolen from the car of John Erwin Glendale Circle, on Nov. 10th. The car had been parked near the Wilmington Grain Company's store. The theft was first noticed when Erwin returned from Boston, at 6:15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

(Please call OL 8-2973 to list events in this column. No calls accepted after Monday Noon for listing.)

Thursday Nov. 17th

2:00 pm Congregational Fair
2:30 pm Handy Hands Club at home of Mrs Leonard.
3:15 pm Busy Needles Club at home of Mrs Mortelliti.
6:45 pm Supper, Cong. Church
8:00 pm VFW Aux Turkey Whist at VFW Hall
8:00 pm Young Republicans at Masonic Hall.
8:00 pm Public Hearing by Planning Board on new Zoning Law, at Town Hall.

Friday Nov 18th

8:00 pm Trowel Club
8:30 pm Grange Turkey Whist

Saturday Nov. 19th

8:00 pm VFW Social

Monday Nov 21st

3:30 pm 4-H Hobby Club

Tuesday Nov 22nd

3:30 pm Girl Scouts at Mrs Shirley Lyons

Wednesday Nov 23rd

8:00 pm Friendship Lodge

Thursday Nov 24th

9:30 am Thanksgiving Worship Services, Methodist and Congregational Chs.

Friday Nov 25th

7:30 pm Rainbow Girls

Saturday Nov 26th

Middlesex-Essex Pomona Grange - Odd Fellows Hall
Lynn
Beta Chi Theater Party in Boston
8:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary - Wilmington Synagogue meet at home of Mrs Simmons
8:00 pm Lawrence Acres Assn at home of John Savko

Monday Nov. 28th

3:15 pm Whitefield Mothers at the school
3:30 pm 4 H Hobby Club
8:00 pm Special Town Meeting

Tuesday Nov 29th

3:30pm Girl Scouts-Mrs Lyons

Wednesday Nov 30th

2:30 pm Meth. Church Fair
6:30 pm Meth. Church Supper

Thursday Dec 1st

2:30 pm Meth. Church Fair
6:30 pm Meth. Church Supper
8:00 pm Entertainment at Methodist Church

Monday Dec 5th

1:30 pm Mildred Rogers Mothers Club at SLBA.

POLISHING WINDOWS

After polishing the windows, moisten a clean rag with a very little glycerine and rub it over the window-pane. This will keep the glass from steaming and it will stay clean much longer.